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ACTIVE CAMPAIGN TO PURCHASE THRIFT STAMPS

Mr. Felix Gunter, Chairman for Hinds County, and Dr. Watkins and Prof. Hamilton of Millsaps, Leaders in Movement in Millsaps.. Results Unknown, But Success is Anticipated.

It is hardly too far fetched to suppose that by Monday of the coming week every student in Millsaps and every one connected with the College in any way will be the proud possessor of at least some Thrift Stamps, and probably a War Saving Stamp.

The first notion of the campaign was made known to the students in Chapel last Monday morning, when Prof. Hamilton took the liberty, as he expressed it, of disagreeing with R. E. Simpson of the student body, who stated that he realized we were a nation at war. Following this, Prof. Hamilton made a short explanatory talk in which he outlined the object of the Thrift Saving Stamps, and the War Saving Stamps. His talk was rather brief, but full of food for thought.

Dr. Watkins followed Prof. Hamilton, and endeavored to impress the students with the necessity of enlisting their support in this movement. He ascertained the number of students who had already subscribed, and found such a small percentage answering in the affirmative, that he ventured to predict that before the movement in Millsaps was completed, the spirit of the work would inspire practically all of the students to enlist in this work.

Mr. Felix Gunter spoke on Thursday morning, and urged in his characteristic forceful manner the obligation that rests on the shoulders of the students. As a result of his talk several of the men and co-eds subscribed immediately. The work of Mr. Gunter, in practically every issue for the furtherance of every laudatory matter in the interest of helping the government, has been most exemplary, and places him well in the fore-

front of patriotic alumni of Millsaps.

What Stamps Will Do.

Some of the students little realize just what a war saving stamp will accomplish. They evidently think that the sum of 25 cents is too small a sum to be of material assistance to the government in a state of war, but when they consider what 100,000,000 people in the United States could accomplish if each one purchased a single Thrift Stamp, the effect comes with striking force that \$25,000,000 is raised.

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BASKET BALL TEAM RETURNS FROM TRIP

Were Fairly Successful in Number of Games Played; Results Not Fully Known.

Only meagre reports have filtered in through uncertain channels of the ultimate and full results of the basket ball games in which the Millsaps Chicks have been engaged since they left Jackson on the 12th of February. As the Purple and White goes to press, the accurate accounts of the games have not been fully received to enable a report, further than the first few games to be given the readers.

The first game, played on a wet court, out doors, and with crooked goal posts, resulted in a victory for the Beason College boys in the score of 25 to 22. Considering the conditions under which the Chicks labored, it was said in a letter to one of the Millsaps students that the score of the Chicks was in every way a splendid showing.

Reports following this show that in each game the Chicks have been successful. With the Meridian Y. M. C. A., the score favoring the Chicks was 57 to 17. This is the highest score the Chicks have totalled in this season. With the Ellisville Agricultural High School the Chicks scored 25 and the Aggie boys, 20. The Hattiesburg Y. M. C. A. team fell under the spell of the Chicks' prowess and strength to the glad some score of 28 to 27. One point making for distinction in the result.

It was said, but on no competent authority, that the latter results of the Chicks, in Gulfport and Biloxi and other Southern points, that the good record has been repeated several times.

The team returned Wednesday, but too late to furnish full reports of their trip.

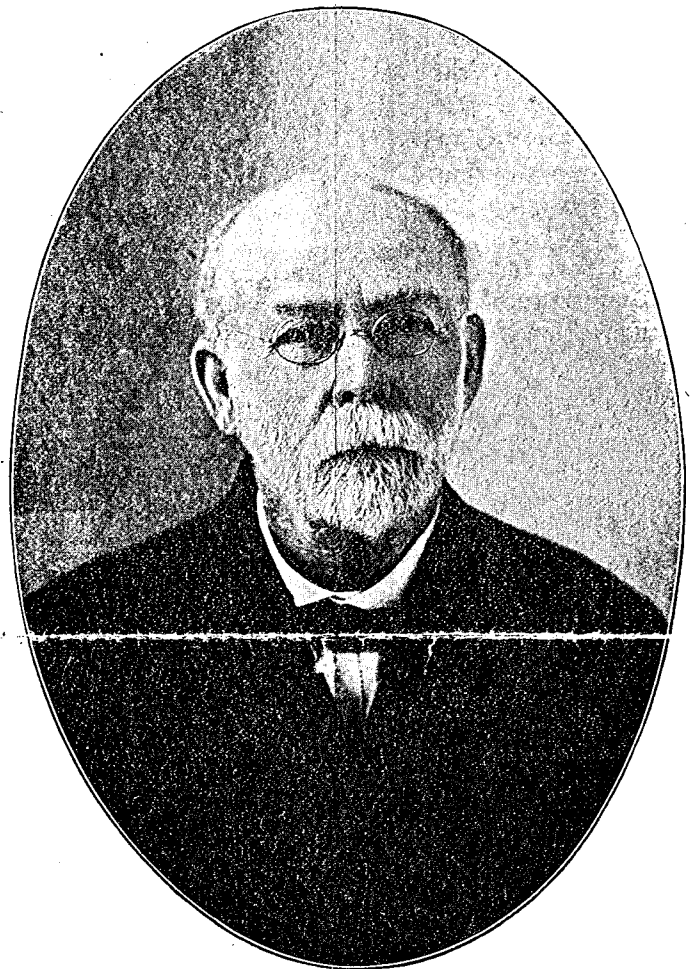
Those who are on the trip are: Dr. B. E. Mitchell, "Red" Neill, A. Y. Harper, Willie Bailey, B. O. Van Hook, James Shipman, Charley Brooks, Carl Howarth and R. A. McRae. They will probably return Tuesday.

PROF. ROBERT SCOTT RICKETTS PASSED AWAY MONDAY P. M.

Millsaps' Beloved Instructor Answered Call to the Beyond After Long Period of Patient Illness. His Memory Will Be Held Sacred in Millsaps.

On Monday, the twenty-fifth of February, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, Professor Robert Scott Ricketts, who for twenty-five years has been an instructor at Millsaps, passed away. Professor Ricketts had been unwell for some months, and had given up his work, yet it was quite a shock to his many friends to learn of his death.

Professor Ricketts was born March 4, 1843, at Vicksburg. He served as a scout in the Confederate cavalry during the entire war between the States. At the close of the war he entered the teaching profession, and from 1867 to 1873 he served as president and professor in the Port Gibson Female College. In 1870, while serving in this



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THE GRAND OLD MAN OF MILLSAPS

capacity, he took his Master's degree from Centenary College. From 1873 to 1893 he taught in Whitworth College. Since that time he has been at Millsaps and until 1911 was headmaster of the Preparatory School here. At this time, feeling unable to meet the increasing demands of the position, he resigned as headmaster, but continued to hold the chair of mathematics.

For half a century Professor Ricketts has given himself freely to the youth of his State. His was a life of loving service, which will always be as a beacon-light of inspiration to those who have known him. He was every inch a man; never swerving in his allegiance to duty, he was at all times quick to grow angry with wrong. Ever a strong and wonderful friend, a wise advisor, he could not but win the love of all about him. To have known him is a privilege; to have studied under him is to be a better man. A spirit rare in kindness and gentleness was he whom all loved and only the ill-doer or shirker feared. Truly he was a Christian gentleman.

Chapel Exercises.

Chapel exercises last Tuesday resounded with the intense and sincere praise of Prof. Ricketts. Prof. J. Reese Lin, reading from the first book of Samuel, drew parallels corresponding to the life and character of Prof. Ricketts. Following this, Dr. Watkins spoke on the life of Professor Ricketts, saying many things by way of tribute which were of deep interest to the students. Dr. Watkins asked for anyone who cared to speak a word of their acquaintance or knowledge of Professor Ricketts, to do so.

Professor Harrell spoke on his period of schooling under the eminent and good man. He was followed by Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Noble, Professor Savage, and Professor Lin. Among the students to respond to the privilege of speaking from their hearts on the beloved man who had passed away, were John L. Lancaster, M. F. Clegg, H. Joyce, Bane, J. B. Feibelman, King, and Sharborough.

Repeatedly it was said by the speakers that their friends throughout the State often referred to the grand old man in Millsaps as the "best man in Mississippi."

MILLSAPS LOST IN BABY MARATHON

Mississippi College Wins, and, Eure Came in First; Henley in Second in Close Finish.

The Baby Marathon race held last Friday under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A., was one of the most interesting events of its nature held in the city since the Millsaps-Mississippi College track meet in 1915. A large crowd of witnesses thronged the "Y" building as the time set for the race approached.

The institutions represented in the track meet were: Deaf and Dumb Institute, Mississippi College, and Millsaps College. Each institution was represented by a team composed of four men.

The race took place on the streets of Jackson, the course being so arranged that the runners started and finished in front of the Y. M. C. A. building. The distance ran was three miles.

Otis Eure, of Mississippi College, won first individual place, running the three miles in 19 minutes, 2 4-5 seconds. W. S. Henley, of Millsaps, won second place, finishing two-fifths of a second later than Eure.

Cooper, of Millsaps, was delayed by a pain in his left side in the region of an operation incision.

The summary shows that Mississippi College made 18 points; Deaf and Dumb Institute, 28 points; and Millsaps, 32 points. Mississippi College, receiving the least number of points, was awarded the team trophy. The individual medals were gold, silver and bronze, and were awarded in order to the first three men that crossed the tape.

COCKRUM IS NOW WITH BATTERY B BOYS

Was in "His Prison" for a While; Was an Ardent Y. M. C. A. Man Last Year.

James L. Cockrum, a loyal Millsaps man, who gave up his school work last year to join and fight the Kaiser, is now stationed at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. He writes that he is comfortably located and sends back his sincere greetings to his many friends. The following is taken from a letter recently received from him:

"At last I am back in Battery B, and, believe me, I am certainly glad to be here. Upon arriving, we were quarantined for the first sixteen days, and besides had only a small place in which to stay. We were confined behind a barbed wire fence; you can imagine how I felt in my "prison." I am out now and back at my old job—cooking. We are fed well here; have plenty of butter, eggs, ham, steak, and almost anything else that we want.

"I have seen very little of the camp, but I am carried away with what I have seen. You just ought to see how clean and neat we are compelled to keep everything. Every bit of the work, however, is shared equally by all; that is to say, every man must contribute his part to keeping things in order. * * *

"I am glad to know that you are interested in the poor and feeble life I am trying to live. All encouragements are certainly appreciated by us, and we want you to pray for us; we need your prayers. * * *

"Give my best regards to all my friends and especially Mrs. Joyce and the Sunday School folks. Best wishes from
JAMES COCKRUM."

MISS JOY KING HEADS STATE HY Y

First President Comes From Millsaps Co-Eds. State Convention Was a Success.

Last week the Hy-Y Club of the Jackson High School called together girls from the other high schools of the state into a convention for the purpose of the organization of the Older Girls' Christian Council of Mississippi. It was decided to admit into the Council all clubs creating and maintaining Christian ideals as a program.

The first officers for the new organization are: President, Joy King, Jackson; Vice-President, Mary Taylor, Laurel; Secretary, Bernice Bettice; Treasurer, Edith Reed, Hattiesburg.

Miss Mary Lee Boyd was named chairman of the advisory board.

Miss King is a daughter of Rev. H. M. King, a graduate of Jackson High School, and a Freshman in Millsaps College. No better choice could have been made for a leader of this new organization, for Miss King is a splendid Christian girl, capable and thoroughly well fitted for her new position.

She has been the recipient of many congratulations for her most recent honor. Her classmates feel very proud to know that the first president of the new organization comes from their midst.

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PROF. RICKETTS.

Millsaps has suffered a distinct loss, which will be passing difficult to restore, in the demise of Prof. Robert Scott Ricketts, who for so many years has devoted his entire time to the proper upbringing and adequate training of young men sent to study under his direction and to draw from the rich store of his many sterling and gentlemanly qualities, inspiration to aid them in manhood.

There has probably never lived a teacher so universally loved, and one so gentle, kind, and patient. Every student who ever studied under Prof. Ricketts will testify to this fact. His life has been devoted to the grand cause of education, and his efforts have been rewarded with the satisfaction of seeing his pupils go onward and onward, better for having studied under him.

Men of import and note were abashed in the gentle and dignified presence of one so great, yet one so unassuming and plain. Is there any wonder his students loved him? Can there be amazement that his fellow man regarded him in the highest light possible in sincere admiration and genuine love?

"It doesn't matter when we die, but how we live," is one of the splendid things he is accredited with saying. It is hard to give up a man of Prof. Ricketts' type any time, especially hard in this period of stress and strain, but when we think of his life, and how he lived—so perfectly, with such uprightness, such a need to his fellow man and students, we take courage from the thought, and gather strength to face the future, knowing that our eminent example would have bid us take courage, and heart within and faith o'erhead, go to meet whatever faced us.

From our midst has passed a man—a man of God, since none but God could create such as he. In his life, so good and pure, he was ever serving, so in his death he passes not from amongst us into dark oblivion. Prof. Ricketts will live in our hearts, in our minds—is it too much to hope he may live in our actions?

We may gaze long and sorrowfully into the past and think of the place he filled. We gaze long and sorrowfully into the future and wonder who, to be so beloved, and just, of nature so sweet and tender, is to take his place.

PROFESSORS' SALARIES.

It is significant to note that despite the universal advance in all prices, and reality of abnormal conditions, and of the consequent advance in the wages of the laboring man, that the most idealistic proficient workman of them all is bringing up the rear in this great stride of costs and prices.

The professor is one of the most thoroughly trained workmen in the world. His profession is not unlike the most highly specialized pursuit of labor that the world knows. The professor follows well marked paths more diligently than are required of highly specialized surgeons; they, for their distinct preparation, attend periods of training about three times longer than the lawyer is required to train himself in, and withal, he is not permitted to send in his bill for professional services in exorbitant figures.

As a laboring man, his hours must not only be regular to exactness, but they must be an example to the student in punctuality. His periods of instruction must be bright and interesting, or else the interest of the students will not be held; and if this is not responsive the results of tests in which the student fails, reflect as much on the professor as on the student. In short, the professor is a man, and a highly trained working man!

That he should be able to live comfortably, and after the manner in which he, by every right, ought to be accustomed, in spite of the increased calls on him, is hardly to be expected, and yet, it seems that he is not only expected to continue in his former manner, when times were normal, but that he must to this, since there is absolutely no recourse to which he may turn.

It is hard to imagine that institutions which prepare young men to learn a profession by which they may earn their livelihood, should set no better examples pointing to the ultimate reward for faithful service. The more highly proficient a man is, the more highly geared are his creative powers, and hence his ability to earn. In college the youth is told about the fields of splendor, and remuneration which he may reach by faithful work and employment of legitimate methods, but in reality he sees a giant paradox in existence.

The ordinary business man condemns the profession of a school teacher, because its remunerative returns are known to be the least of any of the four recognized professions. While this condition must exist

during the period of school teaching, it ought to change materially when the height of teaching in a standard and well recognized college is attained, and especially so, when the college is not handicapped by a lack of funds by which to make this entirely possible.

After all, tradition evidently holds full sway, to this time. Professors, in times ago, had to roam from house to house for their frugal subsistence. Later they were paid enough to live nearly as frugally by themselves. We need not expect such conditions to exist today. And yet, it is safe to say, that the average salary of a professor is not only the least of the scale in returns for specialized service, but the smallest of any trained workman. For professional services rendered a specialist received a day's livelihood for merely looking into the throat of one of his patients. He had many patients waiting for him.

Despite the increased and essential requirements in his respective field of study, in spite of the more assured ability of the institution to meet calls for adding more to professors' salaries, and in spite of the hardly conceivable advance in all costs and prices which he must meet, his salary, unlike that in any other calling, continues in fact as in tradition, to be poor, and never advancing.

ence with Joan of Arc. She was recalled and compelled to sing again.

J. B. Feibelman, representing the students, followed her and made a strong speech. He spoke of the many difficulties which Washington had to overcome on account of the lack of support behind him.

The Hon. T. L. Bailey of Meridian, then gave an excellent address in which a virile patriotism was the keynote. He spoke of American ideals and their dominance on the lives of our great men and eulogized in the highest degree the characters of these men. The exercises then closed with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Gladys to Ruth: "I don't see why we don't get sick, I've eaten so much candy."

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES ON WASHINGTON'S DAY

Hon. T. L. Bailey of Meridian, Alumnus, Had Principal Address. Mrs. Sivley Sung.

On Friday, the 22nd of February, an unusually interesting patriotic program was carried out in the Millsaps Chapel. This program, although especially appropriate at this season, was in part due to the custom which has long existed here of giving this day to the consideration of American ideals. The program this year had as its main features a song by Mrs. Hamilton Sivley, and an address by the Hon. T. L. Bailey, an alumnus of the College. The full program follows:

The exercises opened with the singing of "America" by the students. After the song and the reading of the Scriptures by Dr. Watkins, Prof. Huddleston led in prayer. Prof. Hamilton then sang the "Marsellaise," the audience joining him in the chorus. Dr. A. F. Watkins in a brief address, spoke on the greatness of Washington and of the country which he fathered. He drew a beautiful picture of Washington, Lafayette.

Mrs. Alfrod, representing the students, spoke of the man—Washington.

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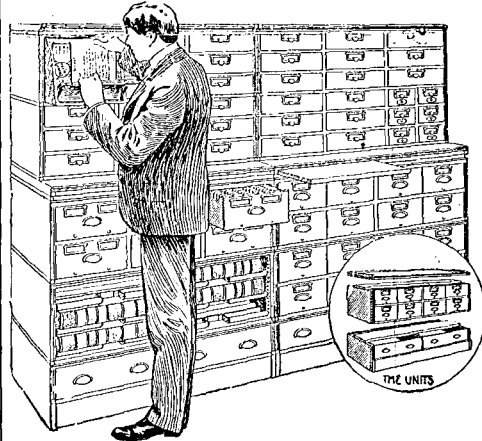
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MILLSAPS CELEBRITIES

By Miss Take.

[From time to time in the near future the Purple and White will continue the sketches of Millsaps Celebrities by Miss Take. The editorial board has endeavored in every way to enable this young writer to meet with the assistance necessary for her sketches, but we believe that no one, certainly those in first few interviews, have discovered the author in her first efforts. We realize that the field is a broad one, and that it will take time to cover it. The faculty will be considered splendid prey, and they are by no means immune from the prolific pen, wielded by Miss Take. It must be understood from the outset, that the sketches are printed in good faith, and no offense is meant to anyone. There will be no attempt to print the life, nor ideas of the subject, but merely a few idiosyncrasies, statements, and views. Since these sketches are avowedly printed by Miss Take it will be useless to try to make any corrections or apologies after their appearance in these columns.—The Editor.]

Page Lancaster.

Yon Lanxter has a lean and hungry look; such men are dangerous, they eat too much. 'Tis a very hard matter to begin this series of sketches with a personage so sage, and yet have we marked young John Littlepage Lancaster for our very own. What shall be said about him? It is a hard matter to pay Lanxter compliments, not that he has so many already, but that he needs so many we don't know where to begin.

Lancaster has been going to Millsaps ever since—well, had he been fourteen when he started, he would have been taken in the first draft of men. His record has been a good one, so the Secretary will testify. He is a rather deep fellow, so deep that when he falls in himself there is little chance of rescue until sufficient time has passed for him to swim to the top. He has a peculiar hobby. He made a bet with one of the professors that he could not find for every 9 of his class one who had met; so far he had won each time, but whether he has collected the money or not, we can't say. Page is living in the house of Professor Harrel, and has been disappointed so much by a certain fiery orb, mistaking it for the sun, that he never thinks to get up when he sees the real sun now, and is consequently late for classes. This is his least worry, though. What really worries him is Dr. Noble. And his pet aversion (Ha! Ha! a good one on Page), is the fear that he may ever become a professor. He likes books, reads a bit and is not only sagacious, but at times very perspicacious.

Jeanette S. Lovelace.

Jeanette comes from a part of the country wherein the dialect is slightly different from around these parts, hence the last syllable in her first name is politely concealingly spelled "ette" instead of simply plain "ate," then again it wouldn't sound so nice to be saying continually "Jean-ate," though the truth need not be so glaringly brandished in our very faces. But Jeanette is a dear girl (so easy to select adjectives for a girl), and she is liked by almost every student. She has made a good many friends in her life, and her life has been very friendly. Of course, she is only human, too, and one of her faults is talking too much. Dr. Kern finds her comments on each question he asks, very helpful, so we are told. (It must be admitted that we don't know this for certain, for we are not in Jeanette's English classes. She is both a Sophomore and a Senior, whereas, we are still but a nuisance.)

To a few of her friends, Jeanette is very confidential. She had done quite a bit of writing, and at one time suffered quite a shock. Some one evidently misinformed her that she could paint, or rather draw. When she learned the truth, however, her mortification was exceedingly great. A famous publisher once attempted to print a complete compendium of her sayings. Since she is so witty and popular, he realized that the net results from the sale of this volume would be very great. However, when he learned that advertising this publication would likely get him into litigation with the Collier concern, since he would be likewise advertising a

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Julian B. Feibelman.

Feibelman, or rather Feebelman, is a regular Millsapian. A peculiar sort of guy, with a very large head, manifesting the great space for brains by appearance, but by utterance manifesting the great absence of them. His

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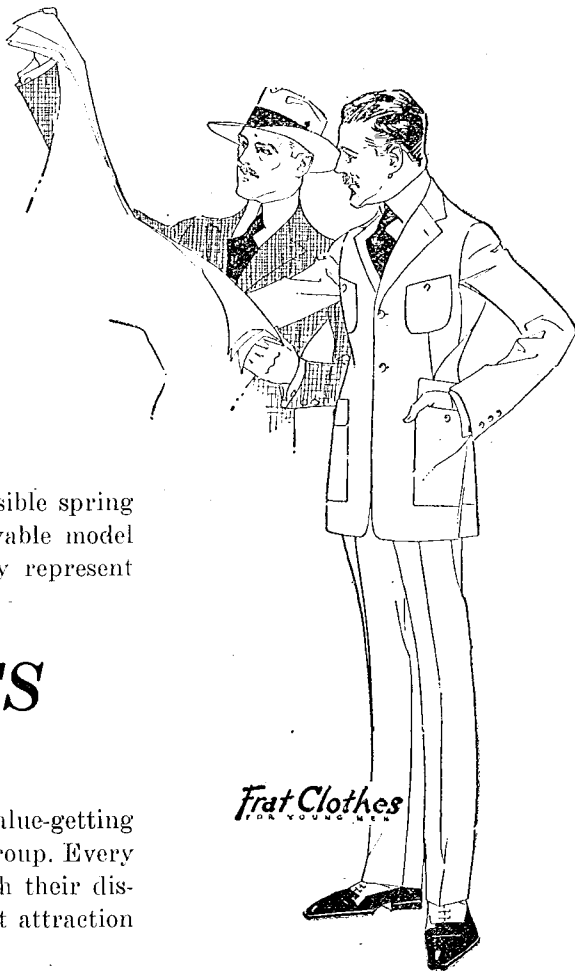
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Feibelman has a rather magnanimous spirit, after all. Few editors of such a weekly college paper would throw open their columns to such an account of themselves as this is, but then Feibelman is a type not common among mortals (he himself told me that). To look at that boy, you'd think he was all fun, but the angels laugh,

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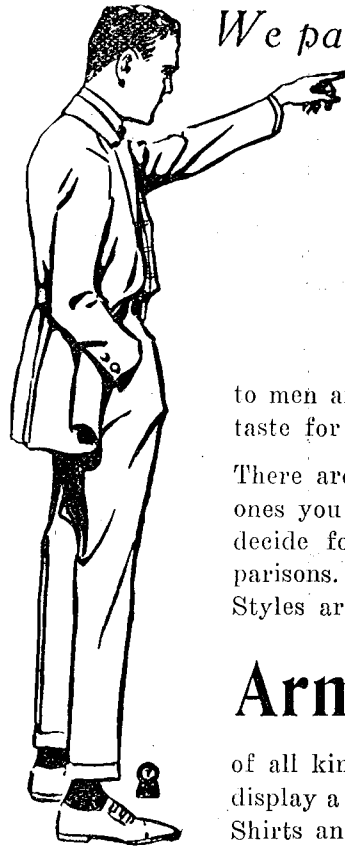
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too, at the things he still hasn't done. He is very fond of roaming in the library, and of carrying a great stack of books home. Although he always brings them back, he does so with the excuse as inevitable as the rising of the sun, that he hasn't had time to read any. Feibelman and Terry used to frequent one another quite often, and after saying this, there is little need of keeping on with Feibelman, however, he is a pleasing field for a sketch, since the field is so broad.

"What is an optimist, Feibelman?" I queried. "An optimist," he answered, after serious thought, "is a man who goes into a restaurant without a penny in his pocket, and reckons on paying for his meal with the pearl he hopes to find in the oyster." (Of course he didn't say that, but then, what's the difference?)

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